

## READING TEXT- Vocabulary and Grammar Tasks

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1. Before reading the text, try to answer these questions:
  - a). Were dinosaurs warm – blooded or cold – blooded?
  - b). When and why did they become extinct?
2. Read the text and find the answers to the questions in exercise 1.

“It is a scientific fact that dinosaurs suddenly became extinct about 65 million years ago. Many palaeontologists believe that the extinction was caused by a giant meteor crashing into the Earth (...) An equally intriguing question is what would have happened if the meteor had missed its target? Suppose dinosaurs were still roaming the Earth today, would the human race have managed to evolve alongside them? It was thought for a long time that dinosaurs were cold – blooded and would never have survived an Ice Age. However, more recent research has revealed that dinosaurs were in fact very adaptable, and some may even have been warm – blooded. Some palaeontologists believe that, had the meteor not hit the Earth, dinosaurs would have continued to thrive, meaning it’s unlikely that we’d see many of the mammals that we now rely on for food and company. And if there were no sheep, cows and dogs, we wouldn’t have wool, milk or ‘man’s best friend.’ In all likelihood, if the meteor hadn’t struck the Earth, we wouldn’t be around today to speculate on how things might have turned out.”

(Falla, Tim, Davies, A., Paul, *Solutions*, Oxford University Press, p.

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3. Match the words in column **A** with their definitions in column **B**:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
1. palaeontologist	a. walking around an area without any definite aim or direction
2. extinction	b. very interesting because of being unusual or not having an obvious answer
3. thrive	c. situation in which a plant, an animal, a way of life, etc. stops existing
4. intriguing	d. person who studies fossils
5. roam	e. to become, and continue to be, strong, healthy, etc

4. Find examples of structures 1 – 5. Which refer to (a) the present, (b) the past, (c) the past and the present?
  1. a second conditional
  2. a third conditional
  3. mixed conditionals
  4. inverted conditionals